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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1986-87—																
December	24,653	32.2	10,346	10,973	38,245	44,372	567	558	1,489	1,510	22.5	25.5	169	174	January 10	3,227
January	34.3	10,261	11,040	36,703	45,533	542	541	347	506	6.5	20.1	89	186	February 7	12,812	
February	34.1	9,971	11,118	36,042	42,694	473	532	482	493	25.8	27.4	177	180	March 7	15,386	
March	24,525	43.3	11,802	11,006	40,745	43,250	531	519	504	489	25.3	23.4	199	194	April 4	16,368
April	34.4	10,407	11,077	41,619	44,933	462	501	487	499	24.2	27.2	158	182	May 2	12,930	
May	37.7	11,455	11,083	46,777	43,432	479	470	496	474	29.3	26.9	173	200	May 30	15,548	
June	24,608	37.2	11,842	11,001	48,908	43,015	533	506	468	463	25.3	23.8	198	207	June 27	15,783
1987-88—																
July	46.3	12,566	10,749	56,709	46,033	552	512	500	466	31.1	25.3	193	170	July 25	14,470	
August	47.2	12,075	11,081	52,306	46,105	547	532	479	464	28.4	25.0	187	176	August 22	14,263	
September	26,670	40.4	11,228	11,183	49,379	45,606	562	557	502	479	29.4	26.1	209	172	September 19	10,673
October	49.4	11,346	11,477	45,474	44,642	524	519	551	502	29.8	26.8	225	185	October 17	15,442	
November	40.6	10,868	11,550	39,857	42,894	1,474	495	517	499	29.8	27.5	201	175	November 14	15,513	
December	24,600	30.6	11,021	11,685	37,937	43,916	445	445	522	538	26.1	28.7	175	173	December 12	15,206
January	29.7	11,559	12,473	35,541	43,904	401	406	357	532	7.0	22.6	178	163	January 9	4,197	
February	n.y.a.	10,801	11,627	36,911	42,403	459	493	465	460	26.2	26.9	184	187	February 6	n.y.a.	

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains, includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (fincl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blankets) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m	Price index manufacturing division(s) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Meat '000 tonnes		Whole milk intake by factory(ies) mil. litres	Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.		
1986-87—													
December	2,389	3,232	715	894	12,087	14,348	458.7	191	206	680	504	66,105	174.5
January	1,449	2,717	531	871	3,647	11,466	460.8	179	202	619	527	42,628	167.4
February	3,374	3,523	871	790	17,098	16,738	463.9	192	201	473	535	47,337	74.2
March	3,270	3,020	984	889	15,366	14,047	460.0	209	201	442	564	54,511	76.9
April	3,866	4,130	1,069	1,069	14,368	15,150	468.4	204	202	367	570	45,176	77.5
May	3,695	3,025	971	911	15,356	14,747	469.8	202	205	328	564	40,899	174.7
June	3,341	3,013	915	978	16,334	14,239	471.7	191	196	303	550	34,034	179.6
1987-88—													
July	4,419	3,635	921	861	15,826	13,788	474.1	209	194	349	505	61,117	181.6
August	3,739	3,344	913	973	16,509	15,457	478.3	186	198	486	491	97,670	81.9
September	3,628	3,264	1,107	1,054	14,659	13,414	480.8	203	189	649	497	127,858	80.4
October	4,061	3,588	1,008	884	14,491	12,448	483.0	234	222	797	511	122,356	78.0
November	3,387	3,467	966	846	14,312	13,392	486.8	214	216	752	507	103,162	176.5
December	2,582	3,404	775	946	13,048	15,481	488.6	198	209	696	517	59,017	175.2
January	802	2,681	474	796	3,522	11,388	494.3	180	211	604	513	38,585	82.8
February	3,370	3,423	890	806	15,027	14,166	n.y.a.	213	218	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates to products which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m				Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments—current transactions \$m		
	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
<i>1986-87—</i>									
December	3,315	3,237	6,529	5,258	243	160.3	79	-490	15,561
January	2,833	3,099			244		-565	-1,379	13,846
February	2,878	3,018			243		-125	-844	12,604
March	3,030	3,058	6,449	5,233	242	161.1	-210	-919	13,866
April	2,919	2,897			240		-343	-1,167	16,867
May	3,151	2,907			243		-157	-917	16,787
June	3,375	3,270	6,538	5,251	243	158.3	-147	-841	17,594
<i>1987-88—</i>									
July	2,931	3,481			245		-853	-1,395	18,512
August	3,159	2,968			247		-201	-766	19,315
September	3,082	3,396	6,429	5,307	252	p158.2	-768	-1,362	19,557
October	3,321	3,300			253		-430	-1,273	19,858
November	3,355	3,517			258		-315	-845	17,607
December	3,837	3,603	6,818	5,798	p264	n.y.a.	2	-719	17,430
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			p268		-359	-457	17,169
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		24	-737	16,869

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics.

(b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to SA at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (a) \$m									
	Total					New motor cars and station wagons registered '000				
	Current prices		Average 1979-80 prices			Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		
Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.
<i>1986-87—</i>										
December	6,431	4,706	4,706	9,454	8,390	1,723	1,496	1,059	541	31.5
January	4,586	4,732	4,725			1,528	1,510	473	540	27.6
February	4,214	4,758	4,744			1,427	1,524	391	540	28.2
March	4,515	4,751	4,768	7,781	8,287	1,501	1,535	463	541	32.0
April	4,651	4,855	4,780			1,530	1,541	519	545	29.7
May	4,788	4,741	4,840			1,525	1,543	552	549	26.2
June	4,583	4,861	4,886	8,134	8,363	1,474	1,543	520	554	27.8
										5.8
										6.5
										7.1
<i>1987-88—</i>										
July	4,912	5,029	4,933			1,544	1,545	557	557	32.6
August	4,676	4,970	4,975			1,514	1,550	463	559	29.1
September	4,833	5,009	5,010	8,246	8,563	1,515	1,557	520	560	29.1
October	5,123	5,025	5,036			1,611	1,566	545	563	32.3
November	5,088	5,048	5,055			1,561	rl,577	576	567	31.8
December	7,008	5,092	5,070	9,698	8,552	1,874	rl,587	1,133	569	30.7
January	4,799	5,075	5,078			1,549	1,550	485	574	35.6
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	7.4
										7.1
										8.4
										6.4
										7.1
										6.1
										6.2
										6.2
										6.8
										6.8
										7.0

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (3)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adults persons (\$)	Index of minimum average rate of pay, full-time adults persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)									
	All males	All females				All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care education(a)	Recreation and	
1986-87—															
December				221.9											
January				222.0											
February	445.30	291.10	429.90	222.0	1.19	161.5	156.0	152.2	163.1	160.3	171.9	180.2	153.6	139.1	
March				228.9											
April				228.9											
May	451.70	299.00	436.50	228.9	1.23	164.7	157.7	153.1	166.2	162.1	176.8	185.2	158.7	143.8	
June				229.0											
1987-88—															
July				229.0											
August	458.10	302.30	444.50	229.2	1.22	170.0	160.2	159.1	172.3	168.8	181.9	192.6	163.7	148.7	
September				229.4											
October				229.7											
November	471.60	304.70	450.00	230.4	1.46	n.y.a.	172.9	162.2	163.8	174.4	171.4	186.7	195.9	168.4	149.5
December				n.y.a.											
January				n.y.a.											
February				n.y.a.											

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Price indexes(a)		Private new capital expenditure(b)(c) \$ m			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1986-87—																
December	1,404.1	1,394.8	9.9	10.2	291.3	4,074.4	4,040.8	30.3	29.8	105.5	179.9	171.948	171.698	4,068	3,858	
January	1,124.5	1,446.8	7.8	9.9	238.0					105.8	180.7					
February	1,154.0	1,351.7	9.2	10.0	194.7					106.4	182.1					
March	1,512.6	1,418.6	10.3	9.8	274.7	4,085.4	4,505.3	27.0	29.4	107.1	183.6					
April	1,401.2	1,437.6	9.2	9.5	240.7					107.9	184.8	1,537	1,792	3,076	3,558	
May	1,429.5	1,392.6	10.5	10.1	231.3					108.0	185.2					
June	1,607.7	1,443.5	11.0	10.2	286.0	4,433.9	4,253.7	27.7	27.1	108.4	186.9	1,784	1,788	3,895	3,592	
1987-88—																
July	1,603.6	1,557.8	11.2	10.8	206.7					108.9	187.7					
August	1,846.7	1,738.0	10.5	10.4	181.2					109.8	188.9					
September	1,615.2	1,613.6	11.6	11.0	226.4	4,810.9	4,621.4	31.0	30.0	110.9	193.9	1,948	1,953	3,465	3,509	
October	1,818.7	1,786.7	12.1	11.5	228.0					111.0	194.7					
November	1,778.4	1,652.6	12.6	12.2	167.9					112.0	194.3					
December	1,698.3	1,638.0	11.8	11.9	234.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	112.9	196.2	2,220	1,938	p4.095	p3.881	
January	1,452.0	1,571.7	10.2	13.7	170.3					n.y.a.	n.y.a.					
February	1,919.4	2,139.6	12.8	13.4	256.3					n.y.a.	n.y.a.					

(a) Weighted average of State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (c) These data are not directly comparable with estimates published prior to 10 December 1987.

FINANCE

Month	Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)										Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
	Savings banks—depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Permanent building societies				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m	Advances \$m	Banks \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m	66	14.05	5,481	5,481	
<i>1986-87—</i>											
December	45,681	45,222	44,511	44,204	43,937	43,803	900	153	57	14.70	5,847
January	45,669	45,737	45,098	45,051	43,308	44,569	679	133	69	15.05	5,943
February	45,914	45,738	45,240	44,827	44,027	44,675	871	167	76	14.10	7,064
March	47,671	47,942	46,595	45,905	44,794	44,953	907	162	75	13.85	10,748
April	48,953	49,724	46,701	45,866	45,973	45,152	931	167	73	13.25	7,400
May	50,607	50,984	46,411	46,469	46,093	45,723	844	169	69	13.00	7,687
June	52,480	52,260	46,207	46,352	45,773	45,880	859	192	76	12.85	5,929
<i>1987-88—</i>											
July	53,640	53,398	46,598	46,881	45,998	45,765	1,004	191	217	12.60	6,877
August	54,244	53,865	45,902	46,674	45,618	45,832	908	217	76	11.80	5,199
September	55,012	54,818	45,865	46,271	46,366	46,760	1,220	258	76	13.00	5,644
October	55,332	55,289	46,926	47,148	47,316	46,990	1,155	326	76	12.35	6,735
November	55,967	56,150	47,567	48,223	47,397	47,507	1,162	294	72	11.45	7,485
December	57,495	56,921	47,873	47,424	48,457	48,315	1,345	257	61	11.35	6,441
January	56,907	57,099	47,120	47,006	47,572	47,831	850	175	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
February	57,483	57,357	46,658	46,176	47,186	47,850	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	11.55	

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(in million)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES																
1986-87—																
September	61,911	62,066	1,867	2,371	60,044	59,695	37,247	37,400	11,508	11,921	10,399	10,288	4,298	4,738		
December	69,109	64,233	4,264	2,551	64,845	61,682	40,431	38,092	12,443	12,006	11,415	10,844	4,855	4,782		
March	62,654	65,815	2,204	2,619	60,450	63,196	37,256	38,822	11,471	12,280	9,956	10,997	4,053	4,670		
June	66,693	68,764	1,724	2,734	64,969	66,030	38,970	39,617	13,442	12,611	11,652	11,309	5,828	4,869		
1987-88—																
September	70,620	69,965	2,551	2,849	68,069	67,116	40,807	41,054	12,302	12,743	11,817	11,677	4,235	4,661		
December	77,605	72,471	4,977	2,955	72,628	69,516	44,188	41,606	13,664	13,186	12,945	12,294	4,645	4,569		
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																
1986-87—																
September	36,250	36,614	1,625	2,149	34,625	34,465	21,671	21,779	6,433	6,705	5,696	5,647	2,308	2,548		
December	40,777	37,092	3,832	2,231	36,945	34,861	23,021	21,659	6,965	6,699	6,080	5,781	2,568	2,527		
March	35,436	37,448	1,893	2,245	33,543	35,203	20,722	21,640	6,305	6,783	5,197	5,728	2,126	2,450		
June	36,868	38,302	1,459	2,213	35,409	36,089	21,432	21,762	7,388	6,884	6,004	5,816	3,012	2,516		
1987-88—																
September	38,296	38,237	1,718	2,083	36,578	36,154	22,052	22,197	6,533	6,810	5,977	5,921	2,152	2,368		
December	42,318	38,807	3,713	2,156	38,605	36,651	23,611	22,191	7,211	6,933	6,464	6,145	2,316	2,277		
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued																
1986-87—																
Imports of goods and services	Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)							
Quarter	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Companies	Other	Original	Seas. adj.	Wages, salaries and supplements	Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
September	12,341	11,708	9,667	9,760	32,156	32,569	8,450	8,143	14,297	14,123	32,162	49,782	8,981	40,801		
December	12,089	11,984	10,994	10,808	34,593	32,886	9,953	9,142	17,066	14,526	34,586	56,462	8,963	47,499		
March	11,339	11,977	10,441	10,847	31,706	33,368	8,503	9,223	14,337	15,368	31,692	49,616	10,711	38,905		
June	11,776	11,878	11,115	10,898	34,675	34,400	9,381	9,823	14,244	16,354	34,670	55,647	15,732	39,915		
1987-88—																
September	12,688	12,046	10,908	11,074	35,127	35,129	10,053	9,696	17,249	16,621	35,127	55,692	9,572	46,120		
December	13,149	13,016	12,460	12,205	37,666	36,225	11,623	10,683	19,482	16,652	37,646	61,824	10,813	51,011		

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas

LABOUR FORCE(a)

Month	Employed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate(b) (per cent)	Participation rate(b) (per cent)	Number of job vacancies ('000)			
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total							
	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)						
1986— December	5,724.0	5,653.9	7,092.0	7,014.8	545.7	538.4	655.5	644.5	8.5	8.4	62.9	62.1		
1987— January	5,648.8	5,655.8	6,878.3	7,019.5	575.0	529.1	671.4	637.4	8.9	8.3	61.1	62.0		
February	5,681.0	5,669.3	6,998.2	7,038.2	581.1	520.4	699.6	632.8	9.1	8.2	62.2	62.0		
March	5,706.2	5,681.9	7,109.1	7,056.0	562.4	534.3	702.5	647.6	9.0	8.4	63.0	62.2		
April	5,807.5	5,842.2	7,087.1	7,078.1	518.8	513.3	652.1	640.5	8.4	8.3	62.3	62.2		
May	5,886.2	5,694.5	7,090.0	7,070.1	530.6	532.3	635.0	636.1	8.2	8.2	62.0	62.0		
June	5,590.8	5,719.1	7,111.2	7,114.1	506.2	519.8	603.6	621.3	7.8	8.0	61.9	62.1		
July	5,771.9	5,760.7	7,157.8	7,145.3	510.9	528.7	610.2	636.6	7.9	8.2	62.2	62.3		
August	5,656.3	5,716.0	7,073.2	7,136.3	495.4	509.2	601.9	626.4	7.8	8.1	61.4	62.1		
September	5,734.4	5,720.8	7,165.8	7,129.3	489.6	501.8	598.2	603.6	7.7	7.8	62.0	61.8		
October	5,751.0	5,755.7	7,156.1	7,145.2	475.6	514.6	585.2	632.2	7.6	8.1	61.7	62.0		
November	5,705.6	5,708.7	7,159.9	7,125.3	469.6	508.7	566.5	617.9	7.3	8.0	61.5	52.2		
December	5,872.2	5,794.4	7,307.9	7,218.8	506.7	501.6	619.6	611.8	7.8	7.8	62.3	62.2		
January	5,825.0	5,832.3	7,145.3	7,296.0	541.9	499.6	645.2	614.1	8.3	7.8	61.8	62.8		
February	5,845.6	5,833.6	7,219.1	7,261.7	519.8	466.6	642.8	583.7	8.2	7.4	62.3	61.8		

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)*. (b) Estimates prior to April 1986 are based on the old definition. See paragraphs 37 and 38 of the Explanatory Notes of *The Labour Force, Australia, January 1987 (6203.0)*. (c) Revised following annual reanalysis. (d) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0)*.

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
('000 persons)

Month	Australia										Total Govt. and Private			
	Government					Common- wealth								
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	State(b)	Local			
1986— July	1,940.4	1,573.7	808.0	469.8	512.9	148.6	56.8	119.7	3,840.6	480.4	1,148.5	157.4	1,786.3	5,626.9
August	1,928.3	1,569.7	802.7	465.7	511.7	147.5	56.9	118.3	3,850.9	439.4	1,150.3	157.2	1,746.9	5,597.8
September	1,930.3	1,567.5	805.3	464.7	513.5	147.0	57.0	119.1	3,853.5	439.6	1,154.3	157.2	1,751.1	5,601.5
October	1,946.5	1,566.9	804.0	483.0	515.4	149.0	56.8	121.3	3,889.4	438.7	1,158.5	156.3	1,753.3	5,643.0
November	1,962.3	1,573.3	805.2	485.1	520.0	151.1	55.5	120.8	3,925.1	438.8	1,153.3	156.1	1,748.2	5,673.3
December	1,959.4	1,579.1	803.0	484.1	521.5	151.5	55.0	120.3	3,948.2	440.1	1,130.1	155.3	1,725.5	5,673.8
1987— January	1,917.2	1,537.6	792.7	465.2	515.1	147.5	54.4	117.6	3,871.3	440.2	1,084.0	152.0	1,676.2	5,547.4
February	1,953.5	1,567.7	807.0	474.0	526.9	148.9	55.1	120.8	3,946.6	441.0	1,117.4	154.8	1,713.2	5,653.8
March	1,960.7	1,579.7	808.9	477.2	524.3	152.4	54.7	121.6	3,941.2	442.4	1,140.9	155.1	1,738.4	5,676.9
April	1,979.8	1,589.5	817.6	479.3	522.5	154.7	55.4	122.1	3,978.1	441.7	1,147.5	153.6	1,742.8	5,720.9
May	1,989.6	1,604.0	822.4	480.0	525.1	155.9	56.0	123.4	4,002.7	442.1	1,156.3	155.3	1,753.7	5,756.4
June	1,991.7	1,596.7	822.2	480.2	525.3	154.2	56.8	122.7	3,988.6	442.5	1,162.2	156.6	1,761.3	5,749.9
July	2,002.3	1,626.9	821.2	487.5	524.5	153.4	55.4	121.6	4,002.4	502.4	1,133.1	154.9	1,789.1	5,792.8
August	2,002.6	1,619.4	818.0	485.9	524.0	152.2	55.0	122.2	4,034.1	436.5	1,152.1	156.7	1,744.7	5,779.4
September	2,009.0	1,623.3	819.3	485.8	523.0	151.3	54.7	122.3	4,039.8	433.4	1,158.5	157.0	1,748.3	5,788.7

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia (6248.0)* and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime (6256.0)*. Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence force. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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